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## Coalition Assails Reagan's Choice For State Dept. Human Rights Job

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 — President Reagan's nomination of Ernest W. Lefever to be Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs was condemned today by a coalition that advocates increased international efforts to foster human rights.

The coalition, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Human Rights Community, said at a news conference that Mr. Lefever's views "imply a perversion of internationally recognized human rights values into blind support of authoritarian allies coupled with politically motivated denunciations of perceived United States enemies."

The committee provided a list of about 60 organizations and individuals that it said endorsed the statement. They included the American Friends Service Committee, the National Council of Churches, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Korean, Philippine and Chilean dissident organizations based in the United States, as well as liberal research centers and the Americans for Democratic Action.

### Head of Research Center

Mr. Lefever, a 61-year-old foreign policy analyst and writer, is president of the Ethics and Policy Center, a small tax-free research and publication organization aimed at applying "traditional Judeo-Christian values" to public policies. In articles and in Congressional testimony in recent years, he has been a vociferous critic of laws and policies that relate United States foreign aid to human rights abuses by foreign regimes.

Among those speaking out against Mr. Lefever at the news conference was the Rev. Simon E. Smith, the executive secretary of Jesuit foreign missions. Father Smith, who said he was speaking in his personal capacity, criticized Congress-

sional testimony last year in which Mr. Lefever opposed any legal obstacle to the Central Intelligence Agency's recruitment of missionaries, journalists and professors as spies or of their institutions as "cover" for agency operatives.

Father Smith said that even unfounded suspicion of such relationships "destroys our credibility as missionaries" and asserted that Mr. Lefever's opinion that the doctrine of the just war justified clerical cooperation with the C.I.A. amounted to an opinion that "the end justifies the means — for us that's nonsense."